(d) The State-wise estimated area likely to be brought under Oil Palm cultivation during 1996-97 and estimated amount likely to be spent on development of Oil palm cultivation is given at Annexure.

(e) and (f). A proposal for cultivations of Oil palm in 200 hectares of Karilands as a demonstration project in Kottayam district of Kerala was submitted by Government of Kerala in March, 1996.

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STATEMENT

State-wise Oil Palm Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) Production

(In Metric Tonnes)

S. No.	States/Year	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Kerala	19910	19910
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	10868	9087
3.	Andhra Pradesh	3960	7212
4.	Karnataka	1197	2681
5.	Goa	Nil	28
	Total	35,935	38,909

State - wise estimated area likely to be brought under Oil Palm cultivation and estimated amount likely to be spent on development of Oil Palm cultivation during 1996-97

S. No.	State	Area (Ha)	Amount (Rs. lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,880	1655.53
2.	Karnataka	1,500	632.844
3.	Tamil Nadu	2,00	285.53
4.	Gujarat	500	118.49
5.	Tripura	100	21.82
6.	Goa	100	21.19
7.	Orissa	1,000	64.32
8.	Assam	100	17.25
9.	Kerala	-	5.486*
	Total	17,100	2822.46

* For development of seeds garden, no area expansion to be taken.

Doubling of Rail Line from Joranda to Talcher

3050. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal for doubling of the railway line from Joranda to Talcher via Hindor in Orissa;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Doubling of the railway line from Joranda Road to Talcher has been completed and commissioned.

[Translation]

Restoration of Train

3051. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for to reintroduction of the old train between Kalka and Amritsar is under the consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be reintroduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). It is proposed to provide direct service between Amritsar-Chandigarh/Kalka during 1996-97.

[English]

Doubling of Railway Line

3052. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether requests have been received by his Ministry for setting up of double line between Ambari Falkalta to New Alipore Railway Station/New Aliporeduar Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?